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SUBJECT: ITALIAN EXPORTS OF NICKEL PRODUCTS TO U.S.

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1. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN POLICY HERE ON THIS SUBJECT. ITALIAN EMBASSY LAST YEAR APPROACHED DEPARTMENT ALONG LINES DIFFERENT FROM POSITION REPORTED BY FIAT OFFICIALS AT END PARA 1 REFTEL.

2. IN RESPONSE TO SEVERAL NOTES FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY THE DEPARTMENT IS SENDING FOLLOWING NOTE OF EXPLANATION, WHICH IS ALSO PROVIDED FOR YOUR GUIDANCE.

3. "THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACKNOWLEDGES THE RECEIPT OF THE NOTE FROM THE EMBASSY OF ITALY, DATED JUNE 30, 1976, REGARDING THE PROPOSED CONCLUSION OF A CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT THAT WOULD ENABLE ITALIAN FIRMS TO EXPORT NICKEL-
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BEARING STEEL PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES IN COMPLIANCE

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WITH UNITED STATES LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

"THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ITALIAN EMBASSY ON ITS NOTE OF NOVEMBER 13, 1975, RAISED THIS PROPOSAL WITH THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT ON JANUARY 26, 1976, AND HAS AGAIN BROUGHT THIS QUESTION BEFORE THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL, WHICH IS CHARGED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE RELEVANT FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

"THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED THAT THE PROPOSAL OUTLINED BY THE ITALIAN EMBASSY, CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE CERTIFICATION BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OF THE NON-USE OF CUBAN NICKEL OXIDE BY THE ITALIAN PRODUCERS CONCERNED, AT A TIME WHEN THE SAME PRODUCERS ARE USING CANADIAN NICKEL OXIDE IN THEIR MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS, WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES. THE REASON FORTHIS IS THAT THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF NICKEL OXIDES FROM THE TWO SOURCES ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE AFTER MANUFACTURE, UNDER THE STANDARD TESTING PROCEDURES USED. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE, FOR REASONS OF POLICY, TO ENTER INTO THE PROPOSED CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT. " HABIB

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